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REF: (A) STATE 263467

- (B) GENOA 0557
- (C) ROME 16049
- (D) ROME 14460

1. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COUNSELOR, OFFICE NO. 1, GIUSEPPE SCALIA NOV. 7. SINCE
SCALIA UNAWARE OF BACKGROUND OF TORRINGTON MATTER, COUNSELOR
BRIEFED HIM ON HISTORY OF COMPANY PROBLEMS, ITS CLOSURE, PLANT
OCCUPATION AND, FINALLY, NEWS THAT THE REQUISITION ORDER HAD
BEEN SIGNED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS BY MAYOR OF GENOA (REF (B)).
HE STRESSED THAT EMBASSY WAS APPROACHING MINISTRY QUICKLY AFTER
THE EVENT IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE THE URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE
WITH WHICH WE VIEW THIS REQUISITION.

2. DRAWING UPON CONTENTS OF REF. (A) CITING ALL POINTS VERBATIM, COUNSELOR STRESSED INCONSISTENCY OF REQUISITION MEASURES WITH PRINCIPLES OF FCN AND 1952 FNC SUPPLEMENT. AIDE-MEMOIRE GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCALIA CITING POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF REF (A).

3. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR THEN EXPLAINED ARGUMENT ON LIQUIDATION EARLIER CONVEYED TO US BY MIN. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHIEF OF CABINET LAURITI (REF (D)) AND OUR OWN VIEW (REF (A)) THAT WE ILOULD NOT ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE PERMITTING DIFFERENTIATION AMONG ASSETS OF LIQUIDATING COMPANY, ADDING ALSO THAT PRINCIPLE, IF ACCEPTED, COULD BE EXPECTED TO COOL THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE FOR US BUSINESS IN ITALY. SCALIA APPEARED TO GRASP THE POINT.

4. SCALIA, THOUGH NONCOMMITAL, EXPRESSED CONCERN AND INFORMALLY INDICATED HOPE THAT LOCAL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES WOULD OVERTURN REQUISITION ORDER. HE PROMISED TO APPRISE OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF PROBLEM, TO CONTACT LAURITI, AND TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY ON MATTER SOON.CALINGAERT

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